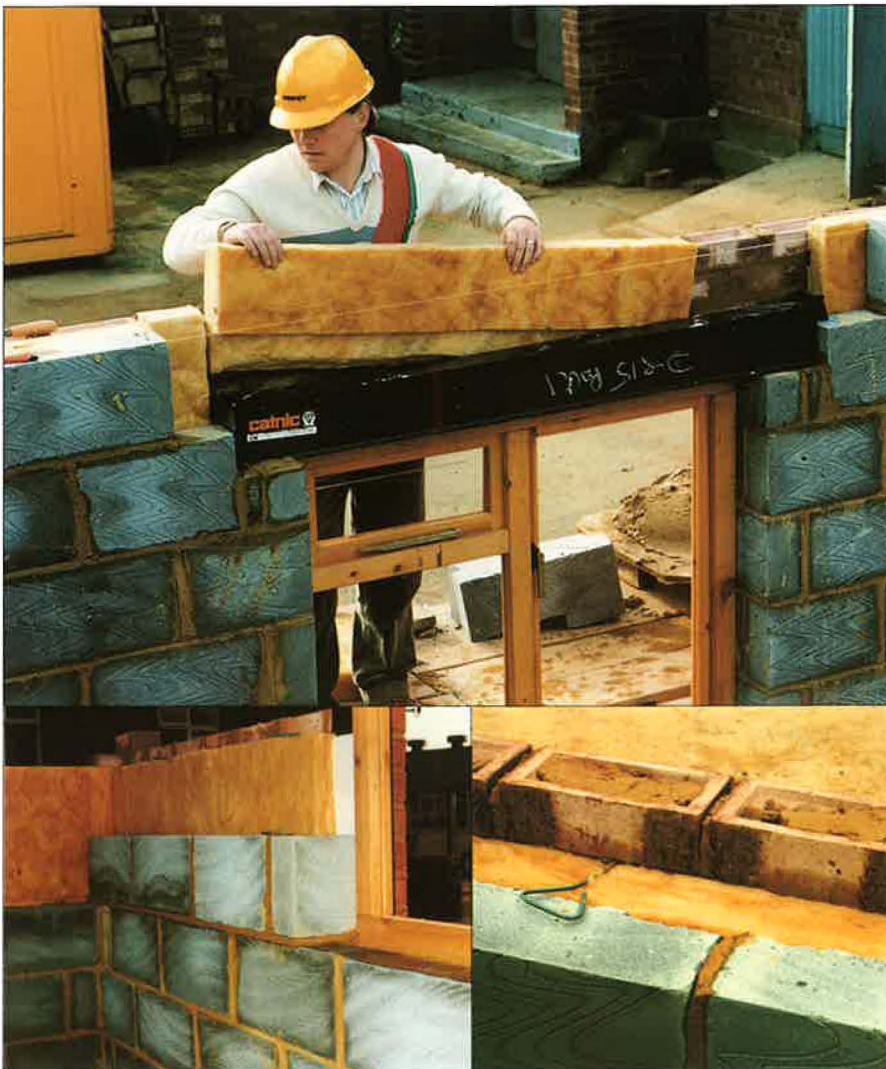


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Site practice for tradesmen

External walls: Full fill insulation batts



Full fill insulation batts are built into the wall by the bricklayer as construction proceeds. The insulation batts are thick enough to completely fill the space between both leaves, and should be butted together at all joints, ensuring no gaps are left.

Good workmanship in building the wall is one of the most important factors in ensuring the finished wall resists rain penetration. The following construction sequence is recommended.

- Place batten on previous work
- Build outer leaf to one course above height of next insulation batt
- Clean off mortar snots from cavity face and then remove batten
- Fit insulation batts between wall ties so that batts fit tightly together
- Build inner leaf level to the top of the insulation
- Repeat until wall is complete

Use a batten during bricklaying to stop mortar building up on top of the insulation which could allow rainwater across the cavity to the inner leaf. Check the cavity width regularly to avoid the insulation becoming 'squashed' or not filling the cavity.

To help ensure a successful installation and good performance from the completed wall follow the points on the back of this leaflet.

REMEMBER

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POINTS TO FOLLOW

- Store batts in a dry place prior to use
- Solidly fill all mortar joints and frogs, in particular perpend in the outer leaf
- Do not use recessed mortar joints
- Maintain overall wall thickness within specified wall tolerances
- Batts should be a good fit between the leaves with no gaps left
- Build in insulation batts, do not push them into the cavity
- Use the specified type of non-ferrous or stainless steel wall tie at the correct spacing
- Fit stop ends to all lintels and cavity trays
- Clean off all mortar snots from the cavity face
- Cut batts with a sharp knife or bricklayer's trowel
- On a gable end fit batts right up to verge. If stopped at a lower level fit a cavity tray immediately above the last row of batts
- When using off-cuts, do not place the cut edge against the wall surface
- Protect partially finished work from rain



Form weepholes in the outer leaf as specified



Course horizontal joints in batts with wall ties



Use a batten to stop mortar building up on the batts



Install batts with vertical joints staggered



Cut batts neatly to fit around openings



Butt insulation batts tightly at corners, or bend insulation around corner

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